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TAGS: PFOR, PINS, TS, TU, LY

SUBJECT: TUNISIAN CONCERN OVER TURKISH-LIBYAN  
AGREEMENT

1. RECENT TURKISH-LIBYAN AGREEMENT, SIGNED ON  
OCCASION OF LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALUD'S VISIT  
TO TURKEY, IS REPORTEDLY CAUSING SOME CONCERN IN  
TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES. WHILE FOREIGN MINIS-  
TER CHATTI (WITH WHOM I HAVE MET TWICE IN PAST TEN  
DAYS) HAS NOT MENTIONED SUBJECT TO ME, BOTH FRENCH  
AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS CLAIM THAT THIS CONCERN IS  
REAL.

2. TUNISIANS ARE EVIDENTLY WORRIED THAT TURKISH  
GOVERNMENT'S PUTATIVE DESIRE TO OBTAIN LIBYAN OIL  
ON FAVORABLE TERMS AND NEED TO LOCATE JOBS FOR  
TURKISH WORKERS, INCLUDING THOSE BEING DISPLACED FROM  
EUROPE, HAS INDUCED TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE CON-  
CESSIONS TO LIBYA WHICH COULD BE HARMFUL TO TUNISIA.

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IN PARTICULAR, IT IS STATED THAT LIBYANS HAVE AGREED

TO ABSORB SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF TURKISH WORKERS  
AND TO CONSTRUCT SMALL ARMS FACTORY IN LIBYA.  
FORMER ACTION RISKS DISPLACING SOME 60,000 TUNISIANS  
NOW WORKING IN LIBYA AND THE LATTER DEVELOPMENT  
RAISES TUNISIAN FEARS THAT SOMEDAY THESE ARMS MIGHT  
BE USED AGAINST TUNISIANS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING  
INFORMATION FROM ACTION ADDRESSEES REGARDING TERMS  
OF TURKISH-LIBYAN AGREEMENT AND ASSESSMENT AS TO  
WHETHER, IN OPINION ACTION ADDRESSEES, AGREEMENT  
WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, EITHER PARTIALLY OR FULLY.  
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